

Center providing social services to seniors in Halifax and Warren Counties. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Twin County Rural Health Association in Essex, NC, and a member of American Legion Post No. 425 Women's Auxiliary in Littleton, NC. Mrs. Johnson is a life member of Lee's Chapel Baptist Church, in Littleton, NC, where she has been president of the Missionary Circle for the last 30 years. She has seven grandchildren, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, three sisters, and six brothers.

Mr. Speaker, I join in the celebration with the friends and family members of Mrs. Eva Silver Johnson as they celebrate her 75th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH B. ALSTON,
SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contribution of Joseph B. Alston, Sr. He is the president of the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP. Joseph is a graduate of the Metropolitan School of Horology and the New York School of Gemology. He is also the founder and owner of the Alston's Jewelers, Plaques, Trophies, and Award Medals, located at 1393 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Joseph is a member of Bridge Street AME Church and is a senior steward, in addition to being a member of the male chorus and president of the South Carolina Club. His other organizational memberships include the Bride Street Business Association and the economic development committee.

Mr. Alston's business and community involvement is an integral part of his life. He is a board member of the Medgar Evers College and participates on the community advisory board of the Bedford/Stuyvesant Community Mental Health Center, Inc. Among his other endeavors, Joseph Alston educates African-American youth about the merits of entrepreneurship and owning your own business. He is also active in promoting antidrug awareness. I am proud to introduce Joseph B. Alston, Sr., to my House colleagues.

TOBACCO SUBSIDIES

HON. RANDY TATE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address the House today on the important matter of tobacco subsidies.

In the November 1994 elections, the American people voted for a Congress that would balance the budget, scrutinize every cent the Federal Government spends and examine every Federal program, including corporate welfare.

This Congress is serious about ridding the Tax Code of ridiculous corporate welfare breaks. We are working hard to lower spending and to put more money back into your pocket. Corporate welfare must end, my constituents demand nothing less.

Last year, during consideration of the fiscal year 1996 agriculture appropriations bill, I voted for a Durbin amendment to eliminate two major programs that benefit the tobacco industry—Federal crop insurance for tobacco farmers and tobacco-related extension services. Mr. DURBIN offered a similar amendment this year where the \$25 million in savings derived from cuts in tobacco subsidies will be used to fund programs to ensure that every American family has safe water to drink and to improve telecommunications systems in rural areas. I support this amendment.

In an era of deficit reduction, when we are working hard to balance the budget and lower taxes for American families, the Government should not continue to subsidize a prosperous tobacco industry.

The time for cheating our children has ended. The time to balance the budget has arrived. America's future requires a new dialog and a new partnership with the American people. That is what I am dedicated to achieve, and that is why I have consistently voted to end egregious corporate welfare programs that take money away from hard-working Americans and give it to wealthy corporations.

Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult to justify a program that benefits the tobacco industry while hurting American families. For this reason, I have opposed tobacco subsidies in the past and will oppose tobacco subsidies in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES A. STRAWDER,
JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge an individual with a longstanding commitment to the Brooklyn community and has dedicated a great part of the last 15 years of his practice of architecture to the problems and tasks of rebuilding and revitalizing the urban community's housing and commercial fabric.

James A. Strawder, Jr. was raised and educated in Brooklyn, and has been an eyewitness to the physical deterioration of Brooklyn's unique communities and beautiful building stock. Once attractive and vibrant neighborhoods such as east New York and Brownsville have fallen prey to the ravages of social and economic neglect, as have so many of this Nation's urban communities. It's been the mission of his firm, working in concert with many other concerned professional and community organizations, to attempt to make a positive impact on restoring the housing and commercial reserves, and in doing so, giving back some of the riches given to him.

Mr. Strawder attended public school in Brooklyn, graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and Columbia University's School of Architecture, where he received his bachelor of architecture degree. He is presently registered to practice in the States of New York, New Jersey, and Florida and is a certified member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards [NCARB]. I am proud to introduce James A. Strawder, Jr. to my House colleagues.

SALUTING LT. COL. RICHARD
SEYMOUR (RET.)

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after joining my fellow Americans in remembering our Nation's veterans this past Memorial Day, I would like to take an opportunity to recognize the passing of one particular individual who served this Nation for over 20 years. On Thursday, May 30, retired Lt. Col. Richard Seymour lost a difficult battle with illness, but I rise today to call attention to life's victories.

Richard Seymour was born on August 20, 1950. He spent his childhood in Oklahoma, Florida, and Texas, graduating from Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio. He then attended Southwest Texas State University where he was enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program and received his degree in education. Upon graduation he was commissioned as 2d lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Richard Seymour's service to this Nation was impeccable. As an Air Force pilot, he logged over 6,000 flight hours including missions which transported this Nation's top military leaders as well as Members of Congress. Throughout his military service, Richard Seymour received many commendations, too many to list, but each a distinguished mark of honor on his journey to the rank of lieutenant colonel at which he retired. His proudest mission was assisting in the repatriation of foreign citizens in Kuwait at the outbreak of the Persian Gulf war.

Upon retirement, lieutenant colonel Seymour continued service to this Nation. He began a second career in the classroom, returning to San Antonio and focusing his energy on the education of tomorrow's leaders. We feel sorrow and loss that his time with our Nation's children was cut short.

Mr. Speaker, in light of knowing that Richard Seymour touched so many lives in as many ways, I ask that my colleagues join me in offering our most sincere respect and thanks to the service of Lt. Col. Richard Seymour and that when the House adjourns today it do so in his memory and honor.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE KUANG-CHAO
TUNG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the work and service of Mr. George Kuang-Chao Tung, president of C-2 Printing & Photostats Corp. in Brooklyn.

Six years ago, Mr. Chao-Tung, without any advertising, witnessed his business prosper because of his gracious and friendly personality. His reliability has earned him a loyal clientele base, and critical corporate projects from companies such as Gas Energy Inc. and Chase Manhattan Bank. According to his customers, Mr. Chao Tung provides consistent and unparalleled services to the Brooklyn area.

In addition to his entrepreneurial success, Mr. Chao-Tung is a tireless contributor to his community.